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# BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte:

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Application 10/814,482 Technology Center 2800

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Before Quita S. Gould, Supervisory Paralegal Specialist.

#### ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on October 7, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter requiring attention prior to docketing.

#### PRIOR ORDER FOR RETURN

A prior "Order Returning Undocketed Appeal to Examiner" was mailed on July 16, 2009, wherein the Examiner was instructed that corrections were required. A review of the file finds that the required corrections have not been made in entirety.

It is noted that the Examiner's response in the October 7, 2009, communication was a <u>proper</u> response to the Reply Brief filed December 14, 2007. However, the Examiner has still not vacated the February 1, 2008, <u>improper</u> response to the Reply Brief.

This correction is still required.

## CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) vacate the Communication mailed February 1, 2008; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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